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Owner: Frederick Weis (on contract)

Date of Erection: Stone portion probably late
eighteenth century; wings of later
date

Architect:

Builder: A member of the Van Riper family

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two with two wings one story each

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - original
part stone with frame gable;
frame wing of same height
with belly windows and two
progressive frame wings

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

A search of the records shows that this house was owned before 1837 by Richard Van Riper. A further examination discloses a long list of grants made to Richard Van Riper and other members of the Van Riper family. Apparently, Richard inherited part of the land from the family and accumulated the other

through additional purchases of small acreage. The Van Ripers made their first purchase in this section during the 1790s, and the stone portion was probably built during that decade. We know that from Richard the property descended to his daughter Margaret. His will is dated 1837 and was probated in 1841. Three commissioners were appointed by the orphans court to divide the real estate; Margaret Van Riper received the plot with the house. She married William Oakley Roat. Her death is recorded as taking place in 1871. After her death the property passed to her children and Henry Roat eventually acquired the property with the house. Through his will the premises descended to George who in 1915 sold to Andrew Graham. There were two transfers from Graham to Michael Stern - one in 1926 and the other in 1927 with different descriptions apparently due to a new survey. In 1927 Stern sold two-thirds interest to the Benjamin Grunauer Company of Paterson. Several transfers are recorded between that date and the time it came in the possession of the Hamilton Trust Company from whom Frederick Weis holds the property by contract.

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